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1. The following observations were made in Kherson during the period from 30 May to 5 June 1954:
 - a. The depth at the quay located between the grain elevator and the confluence of the Dnepr River and the Koshevaya Channel was between 16 and 17 feet. About 10 meters from the quayside, the depth increased to 22 feet.
 - b. Four ten-ton electric traveling cranes served this quay.
 - c. There were two elevator barges for loading ore. Both were idle.
 - d. There were also two floating cranes, each of which had a capacity of about ten tons. These cranes assisted in the loading operations of vessels which were unable to come alongside the quay because of the shallow depth.
 - e. Near the shipyards, there were two floating drydocks, each of which could take a ship of about 10,000 DWT. Both docks lacked cranes and both were idle.
 - f. The Soviet ships NOGIN and STAVROPOL were at the commercial quay.

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- a. There were five electric traveling cranes on the commercial quay.
- b. There were two floating drydocks in the river, near the shipyards. (See Para. 1, Section e.)
- c. A 6,000 DWT tanker was under construction on the slips.¹

3. The sketch map of Kherson on page 2 contains observations made in the port between 10 and 23 July 1954. The following is a legend to the sketch:

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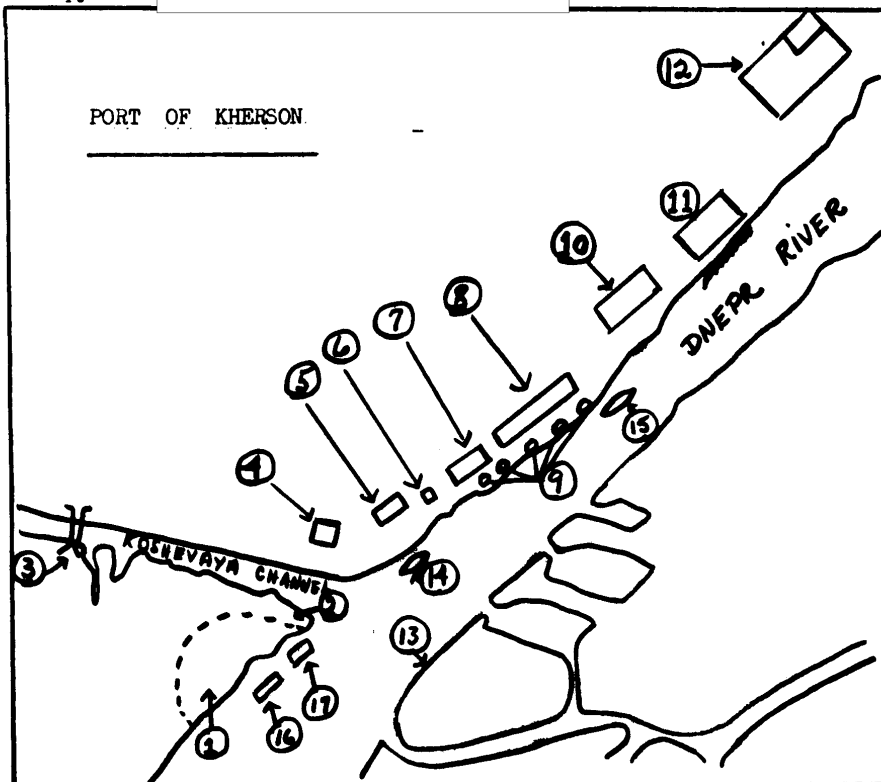
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Legend:

1. Shipyard where one old cargo ship was being repaired.
 2. Yachting club.
 3. Bridge, about 150 meters long.
 4. Building, use not known.
 5. Port administration offices.
 6. Port control post.
 7. Warehouse, about 25 meters long and 7 meters high.
 8. Warehouse, about 60 meters long.
 9. Electric traveling cranes.
 10. Canning plant.
 11. Power plant. The quay was destroyed in this area. (See shaded zone on sketch.)
 12. Grain elevator.
 13. Sandy bathing beach.
 14. Soviet passenger ship which plied between Odessa and Kherson.
 15. Lighter, with a capacity of about 800 tons, which was unloading ore.
 16. Floating drydock.
 17. Floating drydock.
1. Comment. On 1 June 1954, a tanker was launched from a Kherson shipyard.

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